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married nurses are not permitted to stay in the quarters for nurses and that hence they have to reside outside? In that case, why should not house rent allowance be granted?

THE HON. SRIMATHI JOTHI VENCATACHELLUM: Sir, I wish to explain the position. In the case of married nurses, we feel that the family is not entirely dependent on the nurse and that she is not the head of the family. So, we do not consider it necessary to grant house-rent allowance.

Incitement of communal hatred

* 230 *Q.*—SRI K. S. ABDUL WAHAB: Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of cases in which action has been taken against newspapers and magazines for incitement of communal hatred since January 1962 till date;

(*b*) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to an article in the issue, dated 27th May 1962 of 'Sarvathikari', a Tamil weekly, in which incitement of communal hatred has been made; and

(*c*) if so, the action taken or proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN (on behalf of the Hon. the Chief Minister): (*a*) Nil.

(*b*) & (*c*): Yes. The Government have decided that being the first occasion, when the paper had come for adverse notice, no action need be taken.

Reserve Police Party

* 231 *Q.*—DR. A. SREENIVASAN: Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that a Reserve Police party had been stationed in Kappaloor, Ramanathapuram district during March 1962; and

(*b*) if so, the strength of the force and the reasons therefor?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN (on behalf of the Hon. the Chief Minister): (*a*) No, Sir.

(*b*) Does not arise.

Underground water resources

*232 *Q.*—VIDWAN T. MUTHUKANNAPPAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government has recently sought the advice of any geologist regarding the exploration of underground water resources in the State; and

(*b*) if so, the details thereof?

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THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : (*a*) Yes, Sir.

(*b*) I had a discussion on the subject recently with Dr. M. S. Krishnan, former Director of Geological Survey of India. He stated that the Tertiary formation known as "Cuddalore Sandstones" in South Arcot district contain large quantities of underground water and that waters in some places are under artesian pressure. He suggested that the Government might investigate the possibility of exploiting this underground water by putting deep bore holes in the areas indicated by him. He also suggested that the services of experts from the United States Geological Survey Water Division might be obtained to assist the State Geological Department in this investigation. These suggestions are being examined.

வித்துவான் கி. முத்துக்கண்ணப்பன் : சுமார் ஒரு கோடி காலன் தண்ணீர் கிடைக்கலாம் என்றும் அதைக் கொண்டு சென்னை நகரத் தண்ணீர் தேவையை ஈடு செய்யமுடியும் என்று நிபுணர்கள் கூறியது உண்மையா? அப்படியானால் அடுத்த கோடைக்குள் தண்ணீர் எடுக்க உத்தேசமா?

கனம் திரு. ஆர். வெங்கட்ராமன் : இப்போது அண்டர்கிரவுண்ட் தண்ணீர் எவ்வளவு இருக்கும் என்பதைப் பார்ப்பதற்கு சில கிணறுகளைப் போட்டுக்கொண்டிருக்கிறோம். அங்கு நடத்துகிற பரீட்சைகள், சோதனைகள் வெற்றிகரமானால் அடியில் உள்ள தண்ணீரை எடுக்க உத்தேசிக்கப்படும்.

SRI K. BALASUBRAMANYA AYYAR : There is also the possibility that if underground water resources are pumped out, wells will suffer. Wells in the locality will not get water.

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : The Geological Expert's opinion is that this water is deep underground in the sense that it is not normally tapped by wells. It will be deeper somewhere about 200, 300 or 600 feet. For instance, the information we have is that the underground water in the Courtelliyar basin may be below 600 feet and the underground water in the Cuddalore Sandstones may be anywhere between 600 feet and 1,000 feet. The tapping of these resources will not in any way affect the surface water available for wells.

திரு. ஏ. கே. தங்கவேல் முதலியார் : அப்படி எந்தெந்த ஜில்லாக்களில் இருக்கின்றது என்று தெரிந்துகொள்ள ஆசைப் படுகிறேன்.

கனம் திரு. ஆர். வெங்கட்ராமன் : நீங்கள் வருவதற்கு முன் சொல்லப்பட்டது. ஒன்று தென்னார்க்காடு, ஒன்று சென்னைக்குப் பக்கத்தில் இருக்கிற கோத்தலை ஆறில்.